

THE PAKEMAN PRESS

Thank you for taking the time to read this weekly newsletter. We hope you will find its contents useful.



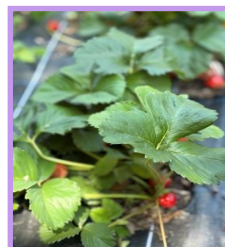
**Pakeman
Primary
School**

Issue 11 Summer Term

Friday 3rd July 2026

Whole Foods Market

Last week, 30 children took a coach to Organiclea and discovered how organic food is grown and harvested. They brought back 5 kilos of organic strawberries ready to be turned into strawberry jam. Next week, some of these children hope to sell their jam produce at Whole Foods store in Stoke Newington. Do pop along to support them. Thank you Marcia for enabling these children to be part of this fantastic initiative. Good luck with the jam sales!



Summer Term:

End of Summer Term

Friday 17th July



Alice in Wonderland Fancy Dress Competition

Come dressed as your favourite Alice in Wonderland character and join our Fancy Dress Competition at the Summer Fair. Whether you're Alice, the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit or the Queen of Hearts, we'd love to see your wonderful costumes.



SUPERSTARS



Elm	Anaya
Pine	Kareem
Cherry	Hamza
Holly	Karen
Maple	Whole class
Willow	Anaiya
Palm	Sami
Banyan	Armel
Olive	Asheena
Cedar	Iqra
Mahogany	Olivia-Grace
Eucalyptus	Adam S
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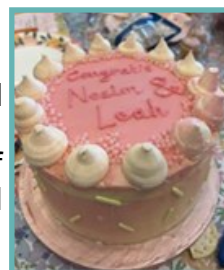
Well done Superstars



Staff Baby Shower



Pakeman staff recently gathered for a delightful baby shower to celebrate with Nesim and Leah. Everyone enjoyed coming together, where staff passed on their best wishes to them both and shared some delicious cake (thank you Marcia!!).



Books, Books And More Books

This newsletter contains several features about both the joy of books at Pakeman and our connections with local libraries. We take this opportunity to thank Alana for organising our school book events and for doing all that she does to encourage all our children to immerse themselves in the wonderful world of books.



Attendance and Punctuality

Year Group	Best Attendance	Most Improved	Best Punctuality
EYFS & KS1	Willow Class	Under 95%	Elm Class
KS2	Banyan Class Olive Class	Cedar Class	Over 3 lates

Scholastic Book Fair

Our Book Fair raised **£278.05** This will go towards new books for our school library, helping inspire a love of reading across our school.



Years 3 and 4 Trip to Kenwood House

Children from Years 3 and 4 travelled to Kenwood as part of the "Writing into Art" project. In class they studied several paintings including "*Hawking in Olden times*" and "*Old London Bridge*". At Kenwood, the guides showed them the real paintings. They also had a picnic and play in the lovely grounds.



Summer Reading Challenge - Read to the Beat

We're delighted to share that this year's **Summer Reading Challenge – Read to the Beat** is available **FREE** at your local library.

Families are invited to the **Family Fun Day** on **Saturday 4 July** from **11:00am**, with a fantastic programme of activities including face painting, crafts, story times and games. It's a great opportunity to sign up for the challenge and enjoy a summer filled with stories, music, creativity and fun.

There will also be poetry sessions with Pakeman's wonderful resident poet **Paul**:

- **North Library:** 11:30am–12:30pm
- **South Library:** 2:00pm–3:00pm



Face painting will be available at **North Library** from **2:00pm - 4:00pm**. Please see the full timetable of activities for more information. We encourage all our pupils and their families to get involved and enjoy reading together over the summer holidays!

Art Week Library Takeover

As part of our fantastic Art Week celebrations across the school, the library is showcasing a specially curated collection of books all about art, artists and creativity. From inspiring stories to practical drawing guides, there is something to spark every child's imagination and nurture their creativity.

If you'd like to keep the creativity flowing at home, take a look at this reading list, packed with art-themed book recommendations to enjoy together.

[Best children's books - Books About Art and Artists](#)



National Year of Reading – Summer of Sport Reading Picks

Get ready for an action-packed summer of sport — and reading!

From thrilling matches to incredible real-life sporting achievements, this summer is full of inspiration. The National Year of Reading is shining a spotlight on brilliant sport-themed books that bring stories of teamwork, determination and success to life.

Whether your child loves football, tennis, athletics or any other sport, there's something exciting to capture every interest and keep them turning pages all summer long.



Discover fantastic sport-inspired reads for the whole family here: <https://goallin.org.uk/sport/>

Let's keep children reading, imagining and inspired throughout the holidays!

First Pick of Fantastic Books

Cedar Class, who are our most active library readers, were delighted to be the first to explore the wonderful new books kindly donated to our library by Rothschild & Co. Here are some of their top recommendations for Year 3 and 4 readers:

- *Peng and Spanner* by Steve Webb – A laugh-out-loud adventure full of chaos and unexpected surprises!
- *Planet Omar* by Zanib Mian – A funny and heart-warming story about family, friendship and school life.
- *Anisha, Accidental Detective* by Serena Patel – A lively mystery full of clues, chaos and clever thinking.
- *Dog Man* by Dav Pilkey – A fast-paced comic-style story packed with action, humour and eye-catching illustrations.
- *The Boy Who Grew Dragons* by Andy Shepherd – A magical adventure full of wonder and friendship.

A huge thank you to Rothschild & Co for helping us grow our library and inspire even more children to discover a love of reading.



North Library Visits

This term, our Year 5 and 6 classes have thoroughly enjoyed their regular visits to North Library. These sessions have provided wonderful opportunities for students to explore a diverse range of books, discover new authors and develop a lifelong love of reading in a welcoming and inspiring environment.

It has been a pleasure to see our students enthusiastically browsing the shelves, sharing recommendations with their peers, and engaging with books beyond the classroom. The library staff have commented on the students' genuine enthusiasm for reading.

Thank you to Eric and the team at North Library for making each visit such a positive and enriching experience. We are grateful for your support in fostering our students' love of reading and can't wait to return next year.



Starting the Day with Stories

With the recent heatwave bringing soaring temperatures, Eucalyptus Class has been making the most of Soft Start by enjoying some peaceful reading time in the library. And what a selection of books we have!

If you're looking for something new to read, here are some recommendations for Years 5/6:

- *The Last Firefox* by Lee Newbery – It's really exciting and the characters are brilliant!
- *Murder for Two* by Niyla Farook – Perfect if you like mysteries and trying to solve clues.
- *InvestiGators* by John Patrick Green – Funny, fast-paced and impossible to put down.
- *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown – A brilliant adventure that makes you think.
- *Hilo* by Judd Winick – Great if you like action, aliens and lots of laughs.
- *The Cartoonists Club* by Raina Telgemeier and Scott McCloud – A fun read if you enjoy drawing or comics.



Thanks for the recommendations!

We can't wait to hear what you read next!

Year 6 Leaver's Disco

Our year 6 children had great fun this week at their school leaver's disco. They combined the evening with watching an England football victory, eating scrummy pizza and lots of dancing.

Thank you to Rose, Natasha, Rob and Sabina for hosting this fun event.

